IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS LUFKIN DIVISION

JANE DOE (J.A.S.), an individual	§	
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Plaintiff,	§	
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VS.	§	
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G6 HOSPITALITY, LLC;	§	CIVIL ACTION NO. 9:24-CV-00195
G6 HOSPITALITY IP, LLC;	8	JUDGE MICHAEL J. TRUNCALE
G6 HOSPITALITY PROPERTY, LLC;	8	
G6 HOSPITALITY PURCHASING, LLC;	8	
G6 HOSPITALITY FRANCHISING, LLC;	8	
MOTEL 6 OPERATING, LP; AND	8	
RADHESHVAR, LLC	8	
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Defendants.	8 8	
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PROTECTIVE ORDER

The Court *sua sponte* enters this Protective Order in the above-styled matter. Plaintiff must submit an affidavit under seal **within fourteen days of this Order** specifically outlining the risk to Plaintiff which renders this protection necessary. Additionally, the Court issues the following Protective Order:

I. **DEFINITIONS**

- A. "Action" means *Jane Doe (J.A.S.) v. G6 Hospitality, LLC et al.*, presently pending in the Eastern District of Texas, Lufkin Division.
- B. "Party" means any party named in this Action.
- C. "Non-Party" means any natural person, partnership, corporation, association, or other legal entity not named as a Party in this Action.
- D. "Plaintiff's Identity" means Plaintiff's personally identifiable information, including: (i) names and aliases used by Plaintiff at any time; (ii) Plaintiff's date of birth; (iii) Plaintiff's social security number; (iv) Plaintiff's current and prior residential addresses; (v) Plaintiff's phone numbers and social media or online user account names; (vi) Plaintiff's likeness; and (vii) the names of Plaintiff's biological or adoptive parents, and biological siblings.

- E. "Confidential Information" means Discovery Material (regardless of how it is generated, stored or maintained) or tangible things that contain: (i) potentially sensitive personal identifying or financial information, including but not limited to, dates of birth, social security numbers, phone numbers, employment histories, or credit card information; (ii) any trade secret, confidential research, development, commercial, or competitively sensitive information, as such terms are used in Rule 26(c)(1)(G) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.; and (iii) any material prohibited from disclosure by statute or Court Order but is nonetheless discoverable. "Confidential Information" does not include "Plaintiff's Identity" which is separately addressed in Section III(C) and Section VI.
- F. "Designating Party" means a Party or Non-Party that designates information or items that it produces in disclosures or in responses to discovery and marks as "CONFIDENTIAL."
- G. "Discovery Material" means all items or information, regardless of the medium or manner generated, stored, or maintained (including, among other things, testimony, transcripts, or tangible things) that are produced, disclosed, or generated by the Designating Party in connection with discovery in this case.
- H. "Outside Counsel" means attorneys who are not employees of a Party but are retained to represent or advise a Party to the Action, and persons who are employees, partners, or shareholders of a law firm that represents or has appeared on behalf of a Party in this action.
- I. "In-House Counsel" means Attorneys who are employees of a Party.
- J. "Counsel" (without qualifier) means Outside Counsel and In-House Counsel (as well as their support staffs).
- K. "Final Disposition" means the later of (i) dismissal of all claims and defenses in this Action, with or without prejudice; and (ii) final judgment herein after the completion and exhaustion of all appeals, re-hearings, remands, trials, or reviews of this action, including

- the time limits for filing any motions or applications for extension of time pursuant to applicable law.
- L. "Producing Party" means any Party or non-party that discloses or produces any Discovery

 Material in this case.
- M. "Protected Material" means any Discovery Material that is designated "CONFIDENTIAL" as provided for in this Order.
- N. "Receiving Party" means any Party who receives Discovery Material from a Producing Party.
- O. "Expert" means a person with specialized knowledge or experience in a matter pertinent to this lawsuit who has been retained by a Party or their Counsel to serve as an expert witness or consultant in this Action.
- P. "Professional Vendors" means persons or entities that provide litigation support services (e.g., document and ESI processing, hosting, review and production, photocopying, videotaping, translating, preparing exhibits or demonstrations, and organizing, storing, or retrieving data in any form or medium) and their employees or subcontractors.

II. SCOPE AND DURATION

- A. The protections conferred by this Order cover not only Discovery Material but also (i) any information extracted from Discovery Material; (ii) all copies, excerpts, summaries, or compilations of Discovery Material; and (iii) any testimony, conversations, or presentations by Parties or their Counsel that might reveal Discovery Material.
- B. This Order does not confer blanket protections on all disclosures during discovery, or in the course of making initial or supplemental disclosures under Rule 26(a) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.
- C. This Order is without prejudice as to the right of any Party to seek further or additional or less restrictive protection of any Discovery Material or to modify this Order in any way, including, without limitation, an order that certain material not be produced at all.

- D. To the extent a Designating Party provides Protected Material under the terms of this Protective Order to the Receiving Party, the Receiving Party shall not share that material with any non-party, absent express written permission from the Designating Party, unless in conformance with this Protective Order.
- E. Not later than ninety (90) days after the Final Disposition of this case, each Party shall return all Protected Material to the Designating Party's Counsel or destroy such Protected Material, at the option of the Designating Party.
- F. All Parties that have received any such Protected Material shall, upon request by the Designating Party, certify in writing that all Protected Material has been returned to the Designating Party's Outside Counsel or destroyed. Notwithstanding the foregoing, counsel for each party may retain all pleadings, briefs, memoranda, discovery responses, deposition transcripts, deposition exhibits, expert reports, motions, and other documents filed with the Court that refer to or incorporate Protected Documents and will continue to be bound by this Protective Order with respect to all such retained information. Further, the party or parties receiving the Protected Documents shall keep their attorney work product which refers or relates to any Protected Documents.
- G. Attorney work product may be used in subsequent litigation, provided that such use does not disclose Protected Documents, or any information contained therein. Further, this Protective Order does not prohibit counsel from using in future proceedings affidavits or transcripts of testimony at depositions, hearings, or trials solely to assist in the recollection of testimony or for the impeachment of a witness, provided that any Confidential Information contained in such affidavit or transcript is redacted or otherwise not disclosed to persons who are not authorized by this Protective Order to receive it.

III. USE AND DISCLOSURE

- A. All information designated "CONFIDENTIAL" shall be used solely for the purposes of the above-captioned litigation between the Parties. Nothing herein shall restrict the use of Protected Material of the Producing Party by the Producing Party.
- B. Access to a Designating Party's information marked "CONFIDENTIAL" shall be limited to, and only to, the following persons:
 - i. The Parties listed in Paragraph I.B, including the current employees, officers, and representatives of the Parties as needed to litigate any claims or defenses;
 - ii. Former employees, officers, and representatives of the Parties, provided they are made aware of this Protective Order and that Counsel execute the Attorney Certification Regarding Disclosure of Plaintiff's Identity or Confidential Information and Admonishment as to the Court's Protective Order attached as Exhibit A;
 - iii. Current and former contractors of the Parties, provided they are made aware of this Protective Order and that Counsel execute the Attorney Certification Regarding Disclosure of Plaintiff's Identity or Confidential Information and Admonishment as to the Court's Protective Order attached as Exhibit A;
 - iv. Counsel for the Parties and employees, agents, and representatives of counsel as needed to litigate any claims or defenses;
 - v. Adjusters and claims professionals of an insurer of a Party and counsel for such insurer of a Party as needed to litigate any claims or defenses;
 - vi. The Court and Court personnel;
 - vii. Court reporters, recorders, and videographers engaged for depositions;
 - viii. Any mediator appointed by the Court or jointly selected by the Parties, provided they are made aware of this Protective Order and that Counsel execute the Attorney

- Certification Regarding Disclosure of Plaintiff's Identity or Confidential Information and Admonishment as to the Court's Protective Order attached as Exhibit A;
- ix. Any Expert, outside consultant, or investigator retained by Outside Counsel of Record specifically in connection with this Action, provided they are made aware of this Protective Order and that Counsel execute the Attorney Certification Regarding Disclosure of Plaintiff's Identity or Confidential Information and Admonishment as to the Court's Protective Order attached as Exhibit A;
- x. A person identified in the document marked "CONFIDENTIAL" as an author, source, addressee, or recipient of the communication or document, or who already has a copy of the document marked "CONFIDENTIAL";
- xi. Professional Vendors, provided they are made aware of this Protective Order and that Counsel execute the Attorney Certification Regarding Disclosure of Plaintiff's Identity or Confidential Information and Admonishment as to the Court's Protective Order attached as Exhibit A;
- xii. Government agencies and agency personnel, but only to the extent that the disclosure of Confidential Information is necessary to litigate any claims or defenses or to comply with any obligations or requirements;
- xiii. In the course of a deposition, any Non-Party deponent and such Non-Party deponent's counsel may be shown Confidential Information, provided they are made aware of this Protective Order and that Counsel execute the Attorney Certification Regarding Disclosure of Plaintiff's Identity or Confidential Information and Admonishment as to the Court's Protective Order attached as Exhibit A; and
- xiv. Such other persons as hereafter may be designated by written agreement in this Action or by order of the Court, provided they are made aware of this Protective Order and that Counsel execute the Attorney Certification Regarding Disclosure of

- C. Access to "PLAINTIFF'S IDENTITY" information shall be limited to, and only to, the following:
 - i. The Parties listed in Paragraph I.B, including the current employees, officers, and representatives of the Parties as needed to litigate any claims or defenses;
 - ii. Law enforcement agencies and agency personnel, but only to the extent that the disclosure of Plaintiff's Identity is necessary to litigate any claims or defenses or to comply with any Party's discovery obligations or requirements. To the extent that Discovery Materials are obtained, a copy shall be provided to all Parties upon receipt so long as the Discovery Materials are responsive to a proper and non-objectionable discovery request. Nothing herein shall be construed as a waiver of any objections that a Party may have to discovery requests or the production of Discovery Materials pursuant to this provision;
 - iii. Former employees, officers, contractors and representatives of the Parties, who counsel for a Party in good faith believes may be called to testify at trial or deposition in this action, provided they are made aware of this Protective Order and that Counsel execute the Attorney Certification Regarding Disclosure of Plaintiff's Identity or Confidential Information and Admonishment as to the Court's Protective Order attached as Exhibit A;
 - iv. Current and former contractors of the Parties, who counsel for a Party in good faith believes may be called to testify at trial or deposition in this action, provided they are made aware of this Protective Order and that Counsel execute the Attorney Certification Regarding Disclosure of Plaintiff's Identity or Confidential Information and Admonishment as to the Court's Protective Order attached as Exhibit A;

- v. Any witness who counsel for a Party in good faith believes may be called to testify at trial or deposition in this action, provided they are made aware of this Protective Order and that Counsel execute the Attorney Certification Regarding Disclosure of Plaintiff's Identity or Confidential Information and Admonishment as to the Court's Protective Order attached as Exhibit A;
- vi. Counsel for the Parties, retained specifically for this action and employees, agents, and representatives of counsel as needed to litigate any claims or defenses;
- vii. Adjusters and claims professionals of an insurer of a Party and counsel for such insurer of a Party as needed to litigate any claims or defenses, provided they are made aware of this Protective Order and that Counsel execute the Attorney Certification Regarding Disclosure of Plaintiff's Identity or Confidential Information and Admonishment as to the Court's Protective Order attached as Exhibit A;
- viii. The Court and Court personnel;
 - Court reporters, recorders, and videographers engaged for depositions; ix.
 - Any custodian of records;
 - Any mediator appointed by the Court or jointly selected by the Parties, provided they xi. are made aware of this Protective Order and that Counsel execute the Attorney Certification Regarding Disclosure of Plaintiff's Identity or Confidential Information and Admonishment as to the Court's Protective Order attached as Exhibit A;
- xii. Any Expert, outside consultant, or investigator retained by Outside Counsel of Record specifically in connection with this Action, provided they are made aware of this Protective Order and that Counsel execute the Attorney Certification Regarding Disclosure of Plaintiff's Identity or Confidential Information and Admonishment as to the Court's Protective Order attached as Exhibit A;

- xiii. Professional Vendors, but only to the extent that the disclosure of Plaintiff's Identity is necessary to litigate any claims or defenses and provided they are made aware of this Protective Order and that Counsel execute the Attorney Certification Regarding Disclosure of Plaintiff's Identity or Confidential Information and Admonishment as to the Court's Protective Order attached as Exhibit A;
- xiv. Government agencies and agency personnel, but only to the extent that the disclosure of Confidential Information is necessary to litigate any claims or defenses or to comply with any obligations or requirements. To the extent that Discovery Materials are obtained, a copy shall be provided to all Parties upon receipt so long as the Discovery Materials are responsive to a proper and non-objectionable discovery request. Nothing herein shall be construed as a waiver of any objections that a Party may have to discovery requests or the production of Discovery Materials pursuant to this provision;
- xv. Plaintiff's trafficker and/or the trafficker's associates, but only after providing sevenday notice to Plaintiff of the intention to contact the trafficker to permit Plaintiff to seek further protection from the Court should it be necessary, and provided they are made aware of this Protective Order and that Counsel execute the Attorney Certification Regarding Disclosure of Plaintiff's Identity or Confidential Information and Admonishment as to the Court's Protective Order attached as Exhibit A. Plaintiff's Identity will be revealed to the trafficker and/or associates only to the extent necessary to assist in their recollection of Plaintiff and her trafficking history. Plaintiff's and Plaintiff's family's physical location will never be disclosed to Plaintiff's trafficker and/or the trafficker's associates; and
- xvi. Such other persons as hereafter may be designated by written agreement in this Action or by order of the Court, provided they are made aware of this Protective

Order and that Counsel execute the Attorney Certification Regarding Disclosure of Plaintiff's Identity or Confidential Information and Admonishment as to the Court's Protective Order attached as Exhibit A.

- D. Plaintiff represents that, consistent with her privacy concerns, it is her intent not to disclose her identity or image in relation to the status of this matter or the underlying allegations on social media or with any media outlet while the case is pending. The identity and image protections provided to Plaintiff in this Protective Order will become inapplicable if Plaintiff does disclose her identity or image in relation to the underlying allegations on social media or with any media outlet while the case is pending.
- E. Prior to any disclosure of "Plaintiff's Identity" or of any Discovery Material marked "Confidential" to any person required to receive notice of this Protective Order, such person shall be given a verbal summary of this Protective Order by Counsel and Counsel shall execute the Attorney Certification Regarding Disclosure of Plaintiff's Identity or Confidential Information and Admonishment as to the Court's Protective Order attached as Exhibit A. Although Counsel need only execute one Attorney Certification per person required to receive notice of this Protective Order, Counsel must ensure that persons required to receive notice of this Protective Order understand whose identities and what materials must be kept confidential and must remind said persons of this Protective Order during successive conversations. Additionally, Counsel must produce the executed Attorney Certification to opposing counsel prior to such person being permitted to testify at deposition or trial.
- F. In the event that an attorney of record for a Party desires that Protected Material be disclosed to anyone beyond that which is allowed in this Order, the Parties shall confer in good faith and attempt to resolve the matter; if no agreement can be reached, the matter shall be referred to the Court for resolution. If an agreement is reached, or the Court decides that

the document(s) or information shall be disclosed, the person to whom disclosure is to be made shall execute an Acknowledgement.

IV. DESIGNATING PROTECTED MATERIAL

- A. When producing Protected Material, the Producing Party shall mark every page of any such document prior to production as "CONFIDENTIAL," as appropriate, or give other comparable notice. For digital files being produced, the Producing Party may mark each viewable page or image with the appropriate designation, and mark the medium, container, and/or communication in which the digital files were contained.
- B. All Protected Material not reduced to documentary, tangible, or physical form, or which cannot be conveniently designated pursuant to the Paragraph IV(A), shall be designated by the Producing Party in writing to the Receiving Party and the designated information shall thereafter be treated in accordance with the terms of this Order.
- C. In the event that a Producing Party fails to stamp or otherwise designate a document or other information as confidential at the time of its production, that Producing Party may do so thereafter on notice to all of the Receiving Parties; provided however, that the Receiving Party shall not be liable for any disclosure or use of such information that may have occurred prior to receiving notice of the confidential designation. Upon receiving the Protected Material with the correct confidentiality designation, the Receiving Party shall return or securely destroy, at the Designating Party's option, all Discovery Material that was not designated properly.
- D. If at any time during the deposition of a Party's or Non-Party's employee, agent, or representative, information is sought that the Party or non-party considers to be Protected Material, Counsel for the Party or Non- Party may interrupt the deposition so as to ask persons to whom disclosure of Protected Material is not authorized to leave the room. Aside

- from deponents, only persons to whom Protected Material is authorized to be shown shall be permitted to attend confidential portions of depositions involving Protected Material.
- E. For testimony given in deposition or in a pre-trial hearing, the Parties may agree on the record during the deposition or pre-trial hearing that testimony in that proceeding will or will not be treated as Confidential Information. If a Party requests on the record during a deposition or pre-trial hearing that said testimony be provisionally treated as Confidential Information, then said deposition or hearing testimony shall be treated as Confidential Information until 14 days after the transcript is delivered by the court reporter to each Party's Outside Counsel of Record. Within the 14-day period following the court reporter's delivery of the transcript, any Party may serve a Notice of Designation to all other Parties as to specific portions of the testimony that shall be designated as Confidential Information. After the 14-day period, only those portions identified in any Notice of Designation shall be protected by the terms of this Protective Order. The Parties may agree to a reasonable extension of the 14-day period for designation. Parties shall endeavor to give the other Parties notice if they reasonably expect a deposition, hearing, or other proceeding to implicate Protected Material.

V. CHALLENGING CONFIDENTIALITY DESIGNATIONS

- A. A Receiving Party shall not be obligated to challenge the propriety of any "CONFIDENTIAL" designation by the Designating Party of Discovery Material under this Order at the time the designation is made, and a failure to do so shall not preclude a subsequent challenge thereto.
- B. Any challenge to a designation of the Designating Party's Discovery Material under this

 Order shall be written, shall be served on Counsel for the Designating Party, shall

 particularly identify the documents or information that the Receiving Party contends should

be differently designated, and shall state the grounds for the objection. Thereafter, further protection of such material shall be resolved in accordance with the following procedures:

- i. The Receiving Party shall have the burden of conferring either in person, in writing, or by telephone with the Designating Party in a good faith effort to resolve the dispute. The Designating Party shall have the burden of justifying the disputed designation.
- ii. The entry of this Order shall not preclude or prejudice either the Designating Party or the Receiving Party from arguing for or against any designation, establish any presumption that a particular designation is valid, or alter the burden of proof that would otherwise apply in a dispute over discovery or disclosure of information.
- iii. Notwithstanding any challenge to a designation, the Protected Material in question shall continue to be treated as designated under this Order until one of the following occurs: (a) the Designating Party withdraws such designation in writing; or (b) the Court rules that the Discovery Material in question is not entitled to the designation. In the event that a Designating Party withdraws a confidentiality designation or the Court rules that the Discovery Material in question is not entitled to the designation, the Designating Party shall promptly reproduce the information in question with the appropriate confidentiality designation, if any, as applicable.

VI. REDACTION AND USE OF PLAINITFF'S IDENTITY

- A. During the pre-trial proceedings in this litigation and in any public filing, the Parties will either redact Plaintiff's Identity or use the pseudonym "J.A.S." in place of Plaintiff's Identity.
- B. Within three days of the entry of this Order by the Court, Plaintiff shall provide all Defendants with (1) Plaintiff's full name, maiden name, alias names used at any time, and date of birth; (2) the full name, maiden name, and alias names used at any time by Plaintiff's trafficker(s); and (3) the full name, maiden name, and alias names used at any time by the associates of Plaintiff's trafficker(s). Nothing in this Order shall prevent any party from seeking further protections or

modification of this Order while this action is pending. Nothing in this Order shall prevent a party from requesting from Plaintiff during the course of discovery any other information that is linked or linkable to the true identity of Plaintiff or Plaintiff's trafficker(s) and their associates, such as, but not limited to, any medical, educational, financial, employment, or other information. Relatedly, nothing in this Order relieves Plaintiff of the obligation to produce any discoverable documents or information that Plaintiff would otherwise be required to produce in the normal course of discovery. The protections conferred by this Order do not cover information that is in the public domain or becomes part of the public domain through trial or otherwise.

VII. SUBPOENAS OR COURT RECORDS

A. If a Receiving Party receives a subpoena or other compulsory process (e.g., court order) from any court or other arbitral, administrative, or legislative body commanding the production of another Party's Protected Material, the Party to whom the subpoena or other request is directed shall immediately give prompt written notice thereof to the Designating Party and its Counsel within seven days to allow the Designating Party an opportunity to move for a protective order regarding the production of Protected Materials implicated by the subpoena or other compulsory process.

VIII. FILING PROTECTED MATERIAL AND MATERIAL CONTAINING PLAINTIFF'S IDENTITY

- A. Absent written permission from the Designating Party or a court order secured after appropriate notice to all interested persons, a Receiving Party may not file or disclose in the public record any Protected Material belonging to the Designating Party.
- B. Any Party is authorized to seek leave to file under seal with the Court any brief, document, or materials that are designated as Protected Material or containing Plaintiff's Identity under this Order.

IX. INADVERTENT DISCLOSURE NOT AUTHORIZED BY ORDER

A. In the event of a disclosure of any Discovery Material pursuant to this Order to any person or persons not authorized to receive such disclosure under this Protective Order, the Party

responsible for having made such disclosure, and each Party with knowledge thereof, shall immediately notify Counsel for the Designating Party and provide to such Counsel all known relevant information concerning the nature and circumstances of the disclosure. The responsible disclosing Party shall also promptly take all reasonable measures to retrieve the improperly disclosed Discovery Material and to ensure that no further or greater unauthorized disclosure and/or use thereof is made.

В. Unauthorized or inadvertent disclosure does not change the status of Protected Material or waive the right to hold the disclosed document or information as Confidential Information.

X. INADVERTENT PRODUCTION OF SUBSEQUENTLY-CLAIMED PRIVILEGED INFORMATION

- A. The production of privileged or work-product protected Discovery Material ("Disclosed Protected Information") in this case, whether inadvertent or otherwise, is not a waiver of the privilege or protection from discovery in this case or in any other federal or state proceeding. This Protective Order shall be interpreted to provide the maximum protection allowed by Fed. R. Evid. 502(d). Nothing contained herein is intended to, or shall serve to limit a Party's right to conduct a review of any Discovery Material for relevance, responsiveness, or segregation of privileged or protected information before production. Additionally, the inadvertent production of Discovery Material without an appropriate designation of Confidential Information shall not be deemed a waiver or acknowledgment as to the confidentiality of any inadvertently produced document and any related material.
- B. Upon discovery that a document has been produced that the Producing Party believes to contain privileged and/or work product material, the Producing Party must notify the Receiving Party within thirty (30) days of that discovery, in writing, asserting the attorneyclient privilege, work product protection, or other applicable privilege or protection with respect to Disclosed Protected Information.

- C. The Receiving Party must—unless it contests the claim of privilege or protection in accordance with this Protective Order—within fourteen (14) days of receipt of that writing and, to the extent applicable: (i) return, delete, or destroy all copies of the Disclosed Protected Information; and (ii) provide a certification from Outside Counsel of Record that all of the Disclosed Protected Information has been returned or destroyed.
- D. Disclosed Protected Information that is sought to be reclaimed by the Parties to this case pursuant to this Protective Order shall not be used as grounds by any third party to argue that any waiver of privilege or protection has occurred by virtue of any production in this case.

XI. MISCELLANEOUS

- A. <u>Modification</u>. Nothing in this Order abridges the right of any Party to seek its modification by the Court in the future. By stipulating to or complying with this Order, the Designating Party does not waive the right to argue that certain Protected Material may require additional or different confidentiality protections than those set forth herein. Furthermore, this Order is subject to modification sua sponte by Court order.
- B. <u>Termination of Matter and Retention of Jurisdiction</u>. The Parties agree that the terms of this Protective Order shall survive and remain in effect after the Final Determination of the above-captioned matter. The Court shall retain jurisdiction after Final Determination of this matter to hear and resolve any disputes arising out of this Protective Order.
- C. <u>Successors</u>. This Order shall be binding upon the Parties, their Outside Counsel, subsidiaries, divisions, employees, agents, retained consultants and experts, and any persons or organizations over which they have direct control.
- D. <u>Right to Assert Other Objections</u>. Designating Party does not waive any right it otherwise would have in this action to claim that any Discovery Material, or any portion thereof, is privileged or otherwise non-discoverable, or is not admissible in evidence in this action or

any other proceeding. Similarly, neither Party waives any right to object on any grounds to

the use in evidence of any Protected Material covered by this Order.

E. <u>Burdens of Proof.</u> Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, nothing in this

Protective Order shall be construed to change the burdens of proof or legal standards

applicable in disputes regarding whether particular Discovery Material is confidential,

whether disclosure should be restricted, and if so, what restrictions should apply.

F. <u>Discovery Rules Remain Unchanged</u>. Nothing herein shall alter or change in any way the

discovery provisions of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the Local Rules, or the Court's

own orders. Identification of any individual pursuant to this Protective Order does not make

that individual available for deposition or any other form of discovery outside of the

restrictions and procedures of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the Local Rules or the

Court's own orders.

SIGNED this 16th day of December, 2024.

Michael J. Truncale

United States District Judge

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EXHIBIT A TO PROTECTIVE ORDER ATTORNEY CERTIFICATION REGARDING DISCLOSURE OF PLAINTIFF'S IDENTITY OR CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION AND ADMONISHMENT AS TO THE COURT'S PROTECTIVE ORDER

	, declare that:
1.	My address is
	My address is, and the name and address of my present employer is,
2.	My title is
3.	On this day of, 20, while speaking with, I determined it was necessary to disclose Plaintiff's or a related victim's identity or Confidential Information.
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4.	I certify that prior to disclosing Plaintiff's or a related victim's identity or Confidential Information to L made aware of and summarized the Court's
	to I made aware of and summarized the Court's Protective Order and admonished that failure to adhere to the Court's Protective Order by disclosing Plaintiff's or a related victim's identity or Confidential Information could subject to legal consequences.
5.	I declare under penalty of perjury that the facts stated above are true and correct.
Exec	euted this day of, 20 in the State of
	By:
	(SIGNATURE)